

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5925–S5987

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1362–1378, S. Res. 199–201, and S. Con. Res. 20.

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Measures Reported:

S. 1371, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014. (S. Rept. No. 113–80)

S. 1372, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014. (S. Rept. No. 113–81)

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Measures Passed:

United States Intelligence Professionals Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 200, designating July 26, 2013, as “United States Intelligence Professionals Day”.

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National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 201, designating the first Wednesday in September 2013 as “National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day” and raising awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease.

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Measures Considered:

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, taking action on the following motion and amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Collins (for Coburn) Amendment No. 1756, to require public disclosure of certain reports. **Page S5942**

Collins (for McCain) Amendment No. 1803, to prohibit the obligation or expenditure of funds made available to the Department of Transportation for cyber security until the Secretary of Transportation

submits to Congress a detailed plan describing how the funding will be allocated and for what purposes.

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Collins (for Boozman) Amendment No. 1785, to establish the Sense of the Congress that any vacancy in the position of Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency should be filled in compliance with the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998.

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Murray (for Udall (CO)/Bennet) Amendment No. 1789, to require the Federal Railroad Administration to evaluate regulations that govern the use of locomotive horns at highway-rail grade crossings.

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Rejected:

Toomey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report back with such changes as may be necessary such that total budget authority provided in the bill for fiscal year 2014 is not greater than \$45,455,000,000. (By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 187), Senate tabled the motion.)

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Pending:

Murray (for Cardin) Modified Amendment No. 1760, to require the Secretary of Transportation to submit to Congress a report relating to the condition of lane miles and highway bridge deck.

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Coburn Amendment No. 1750, to prohibit funds from being directed to federal employees with unpaid Federal tax liability.

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Coburn Amendment No. 1751, to prohibit Federal funding of union activities by Federal employees.

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Coburn Amendment No. 1754, to prohibit Federal funds from being used to meet the matching requirements of other Federal Programs.

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Murphy Amendment No. 1783, to require the Secretary of Transportation to assess the impact on domestic employment of a waiver of the Buy America requirement for Federal-aid highway projects prior to issuing the waiver.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 4:15 p.m., on Monday, July 29, 2013, Senate resume consideration of the bill.

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Comey Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of James B. Comey, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. **Page S5978**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, July 25, 2013, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 29, 2013. **Page S5978**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, July 29, 2013, Senate resume consideration of the nomination with the time equally divided and controlled in the usual form; and that at 5:30 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. **Page S5979**

Hirozawa Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Kent Yoshiho Hirozawa, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Pages S5978–79**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of James B. Comey, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. **Page S5979**

Schiffer Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Nancy Jean Schiffer, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Page S5979**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Kent Yoshiho Hirozawa, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Page S5978**

Pearce Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Mark Gaston Pearce, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Page S5979**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Nancy Jean Schiffer, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Page S5979**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 98 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 186), Derek Anthony West, of California, to be Associate Attorney General. **Pages S5933–37, S5987**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Vince Girdhari Chhabria, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

Matthew Frederick Leitman, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Judith Ellen Levy, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Laurie J. Michelson, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

James Maxwell Moody, Jr., of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

Linda Vivienne Parker, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Leslie E. Bains, of New York, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2015.

Robert Michael Simon, of Maryland, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Caroline Kennedy, of New York, to be Ambassador to Japan.

Donald Lu, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania.

Robert A. Sherman, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic.

Tony Hammond, of Missouri, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2018.

Marcel J. Lettre II, of Maryland, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

Routine lists in the Air Force, and Navy.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—187)	Pages S5978–79

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:57 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 29, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5979.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Krysta L. Harden, of Georgia, to be Deputy Secretary, and Robert Bonnie, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, both of the Department of Agriculture.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1371, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014; and

S. 1372, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Stephen Woolman Preston, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel, Jon T. Rymer, of Tennessee, to be Inspector General, Susan J. Rabern, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management and Comptroller, and Dennis V. McGinn, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations, and Environment, who was introduced by former Senator John Warner, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

WIRELINE COMMUNICATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet concluded a hearing to examine the state of wireline communications, after receiving testimony from Jeff Gardner, Windstream Corporation, Little Rock, Arkansas, on behalf of the United States Telecom Association; Shirley Bloomfield, NTCA—The Rural Broadband Association, Arlington, Virginia; Jerry James, COMPTTEL, and Gigi Sohn, Public Knowledge, both of Washington, D.C.; and Larry Downes, Kensington, California.

IMPROVING CYBER SECURITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving cyber security, focusing on the partnership between National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and the private sector, including S. 1353, to provide for an ongoing, voluntary public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, and to strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development and education, and public awareness and preparedness, after receiving testimony from Patrick Gallagher, Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology, and Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology; Arthur W. Coviello, Jr., EMC Corporation, Bedford, Massachusetts; Mark Clancy, The Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation, Tampa, Florida, on behalf of the American Bankers Association, Financial Services Roundtable, and Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association; and Dorothy Coleman, National Association of Manufacturers, Washington, D.C.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE'S SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING OPTIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine supplemental funding options to support the National Park Service's efforts to address deferred maintenance and operational needs, after receiving testimony from Jonathan B. Jarvis, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Gerard Gabrys, National Park Hospitality Association, Fairfax, Virginia; Craig Obey, National Parks Conservation Association, Washington, D.C.; David MacDonald, Friends of Acadia, Bar Harbor, Maine; and Dan Puskar, Association of Partners for Public Lands, Wheaton, Maryland.

WATER RESOURCE INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine the issues associated with aging water resource infrastructure in the United States, after receiving testimony from Lowell Pimley, Deputy Commissioner of Operations, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; James R. Hannon, Chief of Operations and Regulatory, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, Department of Defense; Charles V. Stern, Specialist in Natural Resources Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Charles Kiely, District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority Assistant General Manager, Washington, D.C.; and Gerald E. Galloway, University of Maryland, College Park.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Michael B. Thornton, of Virginia, and Joseph W. Nega, of Illinois, both to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, and F. Scott Kieff, of Illinois, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission.

CRISIS IN EGYPT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the crisis in Egypt, after receiving testimony from Dennis Ross, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Michele Dunne, Atlantic Council Rafik Hariri Center for the Middle East, both of Washington, D.C.; and Daniel C. Kurtzer, Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton, New Jersey.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of David D. Pearce, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Greece, John B. Emerson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, who was intro-

duced by Senators Feinstein and Boxer, John Rufus Gifford, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Denmark, who was introduced by Senator Kaine, Denise Campbell Bauer, of California, to be Ambassador to Belgium, and James Costos, of California, to be Ambassador to Spain and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Andorra, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Feinstein and Landrieu, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 2822–2843; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 318 were introduced. **Pages H5087–89**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5089–90**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Page H5053**

Coal Residuals Reuse and Management Act of 2013: The House passed H.R. 2218, to amend subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act to encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal combustion residuals and establish requirements for the proper management and disposal of coal combustion residuals that are protective of human health and the environment, by a recorded vote of 265 ayes to 155 noes, Roll No. 418. **Pages H5055–72**

Rejected the McCollum motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded

vote of 192 ayes to 225 noes with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 417. **Pages H5070–71**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule.

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Agreed to:

Connolly amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–174) that requires States to update their certification documents with EPA and to include in those documents a State emergency action plan for responding to spills or leaks. **Pages H5065–66**

Rejected:

Waxman amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–174) that sought to ensure that state permit programs are protective of human health and the environment (by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 415) and **Pages H5066–67, H5068–69**

Tonko amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–174) that sought to require the EPA Administrator to find a State coal combustion residual permit program deficient if the implementation of

the program threatens human health or the environment in any other State. Any State may request that the EPA Administrator review another state's coal combustion residuals permit program for deficiency (by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 416).

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H. Res. 315, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2218) and (H.R. 1582) was agreed to yesterday, July 24th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, and further when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday, July 30th, when it shall convene at 12 noon for morning hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5072.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5068–69, H5069–70, H5071 and H5071–72. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES ASSOCIATED WITH THE LITTORAL COMBAT SHIP

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled “Acquisition and Development Challenges Associated with the Littoral Combat Ship”. Testimony was heard from Paul Francis, Managing Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; Vice Admiral Richard W. Hunt, Director, Navy Staff, Department of Defense; Sean J. Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development and Acquisition, Department of Defense.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a markup on the “Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act of 2013”; and the “Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act of 2013”. The “Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act of 2013”; and the “Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act of 2013” were forwarded, without amendment.

EMERGING THREAT OF RESOURCE WARS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a hearing entitled “Emerging Threat of Resource Wars”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INNOVATION IN AMERICA: THE ROLE OF COPYRIGHTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Innovation in America: The Role of Copyrights”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROTECTING STATES' RIGHTS TO PROMOTE AMERICAN ENERGY SECURITY ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on the “Protecting States' Rights to Promote American Energy Security Act”. Testimony was heard from Catherine P. Foerster, Chair and Engineering Commissioner, Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission; Christi Craddick, Commissioner, Railroad Commission of Texas; John Rogers, Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining; and a public witness.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 358, the “Strategic Response to Asian Carp Invasion Act”; H.R. 709, the “Upper Mississippi Conservation and River Protection Act of 2013”; H.R. 1818, the “Polar Bear Conservation and Fairness Act of 2013”; H.R. 2158, the “Expedited Departure of Certain Snake Species Act”; and H.R. 2463, the “Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act”. Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: McCollum and Ellison; and Stephen D. Guertin, Deputy Director, Fish and Wildlife Service; Scott Zody, Chief, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife; and public witnesses.

DATA CENTERS AND THE CLOUD, PART II: THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S TAKE ON OPTIMIZING NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES OPPORTUNITIES TO SAVE TAXPAYERS MONEY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Data Centers and the Cloud, Part II: The Federal Government's Take on Optimizing New Information Technologies Opportunities to Save Taxpayers Money”. Testimony was heard from David McClure, Associate Administrator, Office of Citizen

Services and Innovative Technologies, General Services Administration; Steven VanRoekel, Acting Deputy Director for Management, Federal Chief Information Officer, Administrator, E-Government and Information Technology, Office of Management and Budget; and David A. Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, Government Accountability Office.

THE FUTURE OF COAL

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “The Future of Coal: Utilizing America’s Abundant Energy Resources”. Testimony was heard from Chris Smith, Acting Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT COMPANY PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Investigation, Oversight and Regulations held a hearing entitled “Examining the Small Business Investment

Company Program”. Testimony was heard from Pravina Raghavan, Acting Associate Administrator, United States Small Business Administration; and public witnesses.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”. This was a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, July 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 4:15 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of S. 1243, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

At 4:30 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of James B. Comey, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, July 26

House Chamber

Program for Friday: The House will meet in pro forma session at 10 a.m.

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